

## MANAGEMENT UNIT: HATCHER PASS

### MANAGEMENT INTENT

Hatcher Pass is to be managed as a multiple use area, emphasizing the uses that are most important in the area now: mining (Independence and other mine operations); recreation (full range of winter and summer activities, including hiking, skiing, snowmobiling, etc.); fish and wildlife related uses (moose and ptarmigan hunting, and providing important habitat to these and other species); and grazing. In many cases, the areas where these uses occur directly overlap. As a result, effective management of the area calls for careful control of the way the uses occur, their timing, and exact locations.

A detailed management plan for this unit is scheduled for completion in 1983. This planning effort will establish guidelines which prevent conflicts among primary uses. It will also designate appropriate secondary uses in the area. The organization and anticipated products of this plan are outlined below.

### Primary Land Uses

- Mining
- Recreation
- Fish and Wildlife habitat
- Grazing

### MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING TEAM

1. Division of Land and Water Management - lead agency.
2. Division of Parks
3. Division of Research and Development
4. Division of Minerals and Energy Development
5. Division of Agriculture
6. Division of Forestry
7. Alaska Department of Fish & Game
8. Matanuska-Susitna Borough
9. Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public meetings to discuss land management in the Hatcher Pass area will be held in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough and in Anchorage during 1982. Meetings will also be held with groups such as the Alaska Miners Association and the Alaska Visitors Association to solicit opinions on land management issues.

#### PRODUCTS OF THE HATCHER PASS MANAGEMENT PLAN

The management plan will further specify designated uses of state land within the the four watersheds identified on the following map. It will also present guidelines which control how these uses occur. Issues to be addressed by the plan include the following:

1. Road improvements and maintenance.
2. Methods of enforcing regulations affecting uses in the area.
3. Siting of commercial recreation facilities on public land.
4. Borough zoning.
5. Methods of preventing conflicts between designated land uses.

## AREA-WIDE POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Chapter III presents additional policies and land management guidelines which may be relevant to particular decisions in this management unit. Categories of these policies and guidelines are listed below for ease of reference:

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